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DOT FOR U.S. COAST GUARD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, MASS, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI COAST GUARD PRELIMINARY SURVEY

1. CAPTAIN SHIRL J. STEPHANY, USCG, HAS BRIEFED EMBASSY ON RESULTS OF HIS PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF SAUDI COAST GUARD AND EXPECTS TO DEPART WITHIN NEXT DAY OR SO FOR WASHINGTON. STEPHANY FEELS THAT A SIX-MAN USCG TEAM CAN CONDUCT THOROUGH SURVEY OF SAUDI COAST GUARD WITHIN SIX TO EIGHT WEEK PERIOD. (CLERK-TYPIST MAY BE NEEDED IN ADDITION.)

2. EMBASSY STRONGLY HOPES USCG WILL AGREE TO UNDERTAKE COMPLETE SURVEY. IF POSITIVE RESPONSE IS FORTHCOMING, NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO DETERMINE COST OF SUCH A SURVEY TEAM, INCLUDING PRINTING AND TRANSLATION OF REPORT. EMBASSY WILL THEN PRESENT THIS FIGURE TO COAST GUARD/ FRONTIER FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL ABDALLAH AL ASH-SHAYKH, WITH STATEMENT THAT TEAM WILL DEPART SHORTLY AFTER FUNDS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO USG. ESTIMATE MUST REPEAT MUST BE LARGE ENOUGH TO PRECLUDE ANY NECESSITY OF SUBMITTING LATER, SUPPLEMENTARY REQUEST, YET SHOULD NOT BE UNREASONABLY LARGE. IF USCG AGREES TO UNDERTAKE SURVEY, TEAM WOULD DOUBTLESS FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO COMPLETE

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MOST OF ITS WORK PRIOR TO ONSET OF LONG HOT SUMMER.

IN FUTURE, WE WILL TREAT CG SURVEY AS SEPARATE FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SURVEY TEAM REPORT. STEPHANY'S PRELIMINARY REPORT WILL NOW BE TRANSLATED AND PRESENTED TO GENERAL AL ASH-SHAYKH AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY.

3. EMBASSY WAS IMPRESSED WITH CAPT. STEPHANY'S DRIVE AND ABILITY AND BELIEVES HE IS LOGICAL PERSON TO HEAD USCG TEAM.

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